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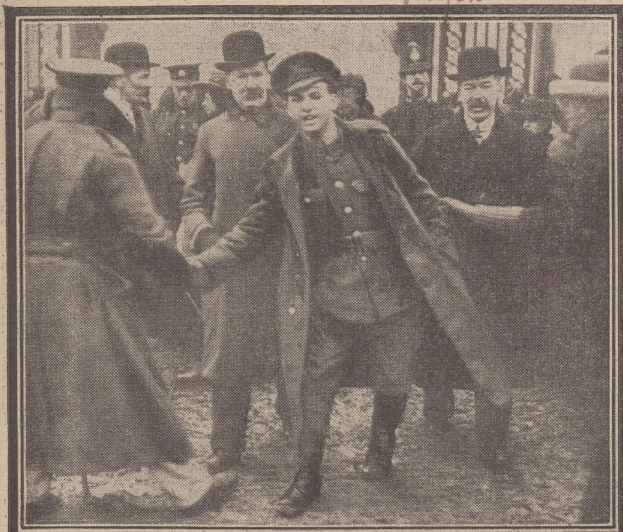
SEVEN V.C.s DECORATED BY THE KING: SEAMAN WHO RESCUED  
A FAMOUS STEEPLEJACK IN MID-ATLANTIC.



James Rossitor Davis, a gallant sailor.



Lieut. Ward (A), Capt. Wickner (B), Capt. Graham (C), Private Kerr (A), Corporal Edwards (B), Corporal Veale (C), Private Lewis (D), and Captain E. P. Bennett.



Private Lewis congratulated by a wounded comrade on leaving the Palace.



F. Yeo, of Sidmouth, who received a gold medal for saving twenty-seven lives.



Lieutenant Holland, one of the seven V.C.s.

There were upwards of 400 recipients, including naval and military officers, Red Cross nurses, winners of the Albert Medal and seven Victoria Cross men at the Investiture at Buckingham Palace yesterday. Davis, a boatswain's mate, jumped from the Coria-

thian in mid-Atlantic to save a Canadian soldier, who proved to be Murphy, the famous steeplejack of Montreal. In the photograph Mrs. Capel, Murphy's sister, is seen admiring the medal bestowed upon the brave seaman.—(Daily Mirror photographs.)



## "ARROW POISON" IN GREAT PLOT CHARGE.

Agent's Tale of Alleged Plan to Kill Premier.

### WHAT ANALYST FOUND.

"Curari was first known on account of its use as an arrow poison by South American Indians."

This statement was made yesterday at Derby by Dr. Spillsbury, the pathologist, who gave evidence at the resumed hearing of the charge against Alice Wheeldon, Hetty Wheeldon, Alfred George Mason and his wife, Winnie Mason.

They are accused of plotting to murder the Premier and Mr. A. Henderson.

It is alleged by the prosecution that Mrs. Wheeldon received four phials of poison, one containing curari, and that the idea was to shoot poisoned darts at the Premier on Walton Heath.

It is further alleged that the poisons were supplied by Alfred G. Mason, a chemist's assistant, of Southampton, who is Mrs. Wheeldon's son-in-law.

### "WITH AN AIR GUN."

The chief witness yesterday was Herbert J. W. Booth, an agent employed by the authorities. He stated that Mrs. Wheeldon told him: "I have got the directions and the letter. Walton Heath will be the best place to catch George with an air gun."

Mrs. Wheeldon, continued witness, produced a tin tobacco box which contained four glass tubes packed in cotton wool. When asked how much poison was in the phials she replied:

"Enough to kill 500 people."

Booth having stated that he handed the box of poison to Major Lee, this closed his evidence, and he was not cross-examined by Mr. Clifford, the solicitor appearing for the defence.

Mr. John Webster, assistant analyst to the Home Office, said he found on analysis that two of the phials contained hydrochlorate of strychnine, the third contained curari, and the fourth was filled with a liquid which contained curari.

Dr. Spillsbury, pathologist at St. Mary's Hospital and a well-known expert witness in criminal cases, was next called.

Hydrochloride of strychnine, he said, was an acrid poison, and produced tetanic convulsions. Half a grain might be fatal.

It was very rapid in its action, and was dangerous, and if either taken by mouth or injected death would result.

### "CAUSES PARALYSIS."

Mr. Bodkin: "What is the action of curari? It consists in paralysing the animal when the poison is introduced by injection or through a wound, and it acts upon the junction of nerve and muscle. Its action is rapid and causes paralysis of the muscles of breathing."

Mr. Bodkin: Is it known what would be a fatal dose?"

Dr. Spillsbury: No, sir; not in man. No case of human death was recorded in scientific literature, though death had resulted in Indian warfare, proceeded witness. It was not fatal, but comparatively harmless, through the mouth.

Kathleen Tarbet, a student in chemistry at the Hartley University, Southampton, where Mason was the lecturer, said she had been told by him of the poison, and that it was very poisonous when used externally, but was practically harmless if taken through the mouth.

The hearing was adjourned until to-day.

### CLOSING IN ON KUT.

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War Office, Monday.—On the night of February 2 our cavalry reached a point on the right bank of the Tigris twenty-five miles west of Kut-el-Amara, and opposite the Turkish advanced base.

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### THE KING DECORATES SEVEN V.C.s.

The King, at an Investiture at Buckingham Palace yesterday, bestowed the V.C. upon Captain Eugene Park Bennett (Worcester Regiment), Captain Noel Godfrey Chavasse (R.A.M.C.), Lieutenant John Vincent Holland (Leinster Regiment), Corporal Frederick J. Edwards (Middlesex Regiment), Corporal Theodore William Henry Vail (Derbyshire Regiment), Private John Chapman Kerr (Canadian Infantry), and Private Herbert William Lewis (Welsh Regiment).

## 23 DEGREES OF FROST.

Severe Weather Experienced in Town and Country

### EXPLORER'S SUMMER SUIT.

Over 23deg. of frost were registered at Nottingham yesterday, and in South Lincolnshire 21deg. were registered. Snow fell heavily in London and the Thames Valley, and lay more than 6in deep in some places.

Here are some incidents of the "Arctic" spell:—Eight hundred men were wanted in the City to clear the snow away. Only 200 could be found.

Owing to the slippery streets many persons were taken to hospital with broken limbs.

Salt mixture put on the roads caused electric trouble on the London County Council Tramways last night. Thousands of workers waited in vain for the cars that could not move.

Eight girls were injured by a boiler explosion at the works of Messrs. Dobson and Crowther, in North Birmingham.

When Captain Amundsen, who is to attempt an aerial journey to the North Polar regions, arrived in England from the United States yesterday he stepped ashore hatless and wearing a light summer suit.

### COUNT PLUNKETT, M.P.

Famous "Sinn Fein" Candidate Returned for North Roscommon.

Count Plunkett, the well-known "Sinn Fein" leader, was yesterday returned M.P. in the election in North Roscommon, the result of the poll being:—

Count Plunkett (Sinn Fein) ..... 3,022  
T. J. Devine (the Party candidate) 1,708  
J. Tulley (Independent) ..... 687

Count Plunkett, who was born in 1851, and is a barrister, had his title conferred upon him by Pope Leo XIII. His son, Joseph Mary Plunkett, was executed at Kilmainham last May in connection with the Irish rebellion.

Mr. Arthur Richardson, wholesale grocer, of Nottingham, and formerly M.P. for South Notts, was returned unopposed for the borough of Rotherham, in succession to Mr. J. A. Pease, elevated to the peerage.

Mr. Arthur Samuels, K.C., was declared elected for Dublin University.

Figures: Samuels, 1,481; Sir Robert Woods, 768.

### POLAR EXPLORERS SAVED

Rescue of Seven of Shackleton's Men—Three Dead.

WELLINGTON, Monday.—The following wireless message has been received from the Aurora, which sailed in December to the rescue of the ten members of the Shackleton South Polar Expedition who have been marooned at the Ross Sea base for nearly two years (since the Aurora broke away from her moorings on May 8, 1915):—

"Arrived Cape Evans well, January 10. "Relieved seven survivors of the Shackleton Expedition—Stevens, Joyce, Cope, Smith, Richards, Gaze and Jack."

"On March 9 last A. P. Spencer-Smith died of scurvy on the Barrier."

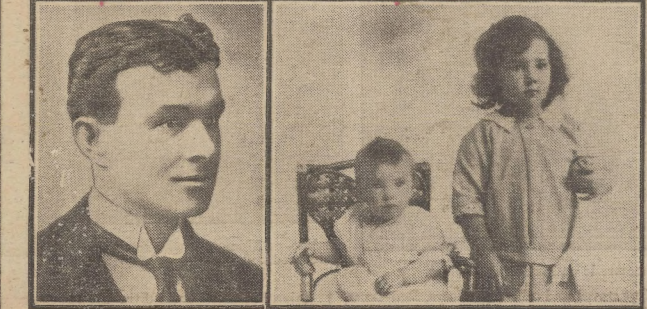
"Captain Mackintosh and V. G. Hayward perished in a blizzard on May 8 last while attempting to cross from Hut Point to Cape Evans."

The Aurora will be due at Wellington February 10."

Captain Mackintosh, who was a kinsman of the Mackintosh of Mackintosh, was born in Bengal in 1881.

When Sir Ernest Shackleton was equipping his first Antarctic expedition in 1907 he engaged Captain Mackintosh as second officer of the Nimrod.

While landing stores at the Ross Sea a hook struck him in the right eye, which had to be removed.—Reuter.



Captain Mackintosh, one of the polar explorers who perished in a blizzard, and his two little children. Story on this page.

## WHAT RATIONS MEAN.

Food Controller Says Meat Includes Bacon, Sausages and Rabbits

### A NEW STATEMENT.

In explanation of certain points in his recent appeal to the nation to place itself voluntarily on weekly rations, about which there appears to be some misapprehension, Lord Devonport, the Food Controller, issued a new statement yesterday.

The weekly food allowances are:—Bread, 4lb.; meat, 2 1/2lb.; sugar, 2lb.

Lord Devonport says:—Meat includes bacon, ham, sausages, game, rabbits, poultry and tinned meat.

The ration of 2 1/2lb. per head per week means uncooked meat as bought from the butcher, and includes bone and fat.

Housekeepers are expected to reduce their household consumption in respect of members of their household who take meals away from home.

The allowance of flour for bread-making is expected to include that used for cakes, puddings, etc.

The distress existing in Austria, says a Zurich message, is well illustrated by information published by Count Gablonsky.

The sale of meat, he says, is not only prohibited on three days a week in restaurants, but its consumption in private families is equally illegal.

Special police inspectors appointed for this purpose have unlimited power to demand admittance during the meal times of private families in order to make sure that there is no meat on the table or within reach.

The vexatious nature of this supervision and the abuses to which it gives rise are obvious.

### "TEARS OF SORROW."

Divorce Court Story of Letter Found in a Uniform Overcoat.

Music-hall artists figured in the Divorce Court before Mr. Justice Hill yesterday, when Mrs. Martha Grace Sumner, of Ennersdale-road, Richmond, petitioned for divorce from her husband, Lavater Farren Sumner.

Mrs. Sumner, giving evidence, told of a scene when her husband was found lying on the sofa groaning terribly. There was a smell of carbolic acid. Her sister put on his overcoat and found an affectionate letter signed "Lilian" in a pocket.

An official at Westminster Abbey said respondent, who used to call him "Dad," wrote him a confession. He wrote: "God only knows how I am suffering punishment, but I pray that He will pity me. I will not write any more. Dad, as tears of sorrow are running down my cheeks."

The Judge found that the respondent had been guilty of misconduct but not of legal cruelty to his wife, and a judicial separation was granted, with costs and custody of the child.

### SANG AS THEY ESCAPED.

Dramatic Story of Passengers on Torpedoed British Steamer.

#### ADMIRALTY OFFICIAL.

The British s.s. City of Birmingham was torpedoed without warning on November 27 last by an enemy submarine when 126 miles from the nearest land.

She carried a crew of 145 and 170 passengers, of whom eighty were women and children.

A heavy swell was running, but within ten minutes of the explosion all boats had been lowered and all the passengers and crew were clear of the ship.

In accordance with British traditions, the master (Captain W. J. Haughton) remained on board until the ship sank under him. He was picked up half an hour later by one of the boats.

The conduct of the crew and passengers was admirable throughout. The master reports that the women took their places in the boat "as calmly as if they were going down to their meals," and when in the boats began singing.

## FLAG DAY PENNIES FOR VICTORY LOAN.

Scheme That Would Meet with Success.

### EMPLOYERS WHO HELP.

Why not a Victory Loan Flag Day?

Friday next is the National Loan Day, when 100,000 employers are expected to talk War Loan to their workpeople in the course of the ten-minute dinner-hour meetings.

Why not supplement the idea with a Flag Day?

Canon Alexander suggests that there would be a remarkable response if the Government were to authorise, in London, and in other large towns, one of more street collections on behalf of the war loan.

"The scheme is undoubtedly an excellent one," the secretary of one of the leading war charities told *The Daily Mirror* yesterday, "and the results would almost certainly be very gratifying."

Next pay day is the Victory Loan Day, and the authorities ask *The Daily Mirror* to urge on

### 10 DAYS

in which to do your bit, great or small, for the Victory Loan.

employers the necessity of making their own arrangements for the ten-minute factory and office meetings on Friday.

The co-operation of employers with their employees should result in an enormous sum being invested.

These 100,000 midday meetings should, directly and indirectly, make half the population of the country talk about Britain's Victory Loan—the world's finest investment.

More and more firms are deciding to aid their employees to invest in the War Loan.

Among those yesterday were Messrs. Eason and Co., Ltd., of Dublin; Messrs. W. N. Brunton and Son, of Mueselburg; Messrs. William Cory and Son, Ltd., of Mark-Lane.

The schemes in each case are in essential respects alike. Messrs. Eason and Co. deduct from the wages of those entering into the scheme not less than 1s. per week for each £1 of stock. Applications may be made for stock in amounts of £5, £10, £15 and £20.

### SAVE YOUR PENNIES.

Messrs. W. N. Brunton and Son deduct 2s. per week from wages for every £5 invested.

Messrs. William Cory and Son follow the same plan.

Prebendary H. W. Webb-Peploe, speaking yesterday in the Queen's Hall, said:

"What you have seen in the papers is in no sense whatever an exaggeration of the difficulty from the financial point of view, but rather an understatement from the statesman's point of view."

"Unless the nation moves for economy and for generous aid to the present appeal to the National Loan we must look forward to very dark and dangerous times."

The Lord Mayor of London wishes it to be known that War Savings Certificates are on sale at the Mansion House daily.

### GOVERNMENT 'COMB OUT.'

Men of Twenty-Two To Go Unless in Specified Trades.

The Director-General of National Service, in accordance with the decision of the War Cabinet, is issuing instructions to every Government Department to cancel forthwith all exemptions granted by their authority to men up to and including twenty-two years of age and passed fit for general military service.

By instructions from the War Cabinet he is scheduling as exempt for the present from military recruiting within those ages men employed in the production of steel, in the occupations covered by the trade card scheme, and in agriculture, mines and quarries, railway shops, transport work and shipyards.

Bombay, Monday.—An ordinance is published here making registration compulsory for all European British subjects in India between the ages of sixteen and fifty.

This is doubtless the first step towards compulsory military service in India, the announcement of which was expected.—Exchange.

### BAN ON MOTOR TRIPS.

The restriction order regarding petroleum products is to be insisted on, and the effect is, says an official statement, to prohibit all char-a-bancs, or other like vehicles, using any kind of motor spirit (including inflammable liquids containing hydro-carbons) on excursions, or trips except trips in connection with ambulance or hospital work or the conveyance of wounded soldiers or with naval, military or munition service, the conveyance of munition workers to or from their work, and trips certified by the police to be necessary.



# HU BLUFF OR 'CLIMB DOWN?'—SPAIN TO FOLLOW U.S.

## Berlin Complains That President Wilson Wrongly Interpreted the German Note.

## FOE BURNING AND SMASHING THEIR SHIPS

## America to Seize All Interned Ships—British Take Three Lines of Trenches at Kut.

Brazil has announced that she is in harmony with President Wilson's decision. A Rome report says:—

The Spanish Ambassador here has permitted it to be known that Spain will follow the United States even to the point of declaring war against Germany. The question of opening negotiations as to concessions to neutrals is being considered.

President Wilson has instructed Ambassadors as follows:—

"Say also that the President is reluctant to believe that Germany will carry out the threat against neutral commerce, but if this is done the President will ask Congress to authorise the use of the national power to protect American citizens engaged in peaceful and lawful errands on the seas.

"He believes it will make for the peace of the world if other Neutral Powers can find it possible to take similar action.

"Report fully immediately on receipt of this announcement and upon the suggestion as to similar action."

Berlin has now received news of President Wilson's decision.

Germany apparently is either preparing to climb down or has begun a game of bluff. A wireless message asserts that Mr. Wilson has asked neutrals to support him by similar action, believing that it will make for the peace of the world.

A New York telegram states that the Government has decided to seize all German ships in United States ports.

The Germans have already begun a policy of smashing up their ships, and several outrages of the kind are reported.

## AMERICA TO SEIZE ALL GERMAN SHIPS.

### Crews Smashing the Vessels Interned in U.S.A. Ports.

A telegram from New York states that the American Government has decided to seize all German ships interned in American ports.—Wireless Press.

WASHINGTON, Monday.—Thirty-one German and Austrian ships in port at New York have been sealed against boarding or departure.—Exchange.

New York, Monday.—According to a telegram from Manila the Customs officials on examining the German steamers which are laid up there found the engine-rooms of nine of them wrecked, while in others fires were burning under empty boilers.—Reuter.

HONOLULU, Sunday.—The interned German gunboat Geier has been set on fire by her crew and is burning.—Reuter.

The barque Speedonita, of Cardiff, reported on Sunday as sunk is now stated to have been fired in New York Harbour. Incendiarism is suspected.

## MYSTERY OF MR. GERARD'S MOVEMENTS.

No news has yet been received as to the route by which Mr. Gerard will reach America.

It was pointed out that he might undertake his return journey by way of Denmark, Holland or Switzerland.

Whether Mr. Gerard will visit England is not yet known.

Acting on official instructions, the United States Embassy in London have "washed their hands" of the German Embassy at Carlton House-terrace.

"All our archives, files and records have now been removed," said an Embassy official, "and the place is now left in exactly the same condition as it was when we took it over from the Germans. Even the brass plate 'American Embassy German Department,' has been removed from the door.

"Everything is in order for those who succeed us in taking over the former German Embassy, but on whom this duty will fall we are, so far, without any official intimation or instructions."

Everywhere there is enthusiasm among the American colony in London.

## BRITISH SHIP TORPEDOED

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Dr. Page, the United States Ambassador, had an interview with Mr. Balfour at the Foreign Office yesterday.

## SPAIN AND BRAZIL IN AGREEMENT WITH U.S.

### Will Follow America to Extent of Declaring War.

WASHINGTON, Monday.—The President's Note to neutral Powers, inviting them to join the United States in a protest against German interference with neutral shipping, is preliminary to a general move toward a coalition for the purpose of advancing the cause of peace and protecting the rights of non-combatants.—Central News.

ROME, Monday.—The Spanish Ambassador here permits it to be known that Spain will follow the United States, even to the point of declaring war against Germany.—Wireless Press.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Monday.—Reuter's correspondent is authorised to state that the Brazilian Government considers the German Note as constituting an entirely new fact which must

BRAZIL'S NAVAL POWER.	
Personnel (all ranks) .....	15,300
Dreadnoughts .....	3
Old battleships .....	2
Protected cruisers .....	5
Torpedo-boat destroyers .....	11
Submarines .....	3
Ports .....	42
Shore line (miles) .....	122

necessarily modify the attitude of all neutrals, particularly Brazil, the national policy of which has always been based on a rigorous respect for signed treaties.

In addition the new attitude of the United States, which is recognised as the undoubted leader of American continental policy, has not failed to produce a strong impression on Dr. Lauro Muller, the Brazilian Foreign Minister.

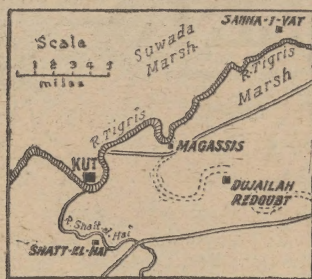
The two considerations of national policy, fidelity to treaties and to the continental policy, which is traditionally Pan-American, will provide a basis for the reply of Brazil to the German Note, the text of which will probably be definitely drawn up to-morrow.

Although practical measures do not yet appear to have been contemplated, there is every reason to believe that the protest which will form the basis of this reply will be in full harmony with the attitude of the United States.—Reuter.

## KAISER'S TRIP TO SEE KING OF BULGARIA.

AMSTERDAM, Monday.—According to a Berlin official telegram from Main Headquarters, the Kaiser, with a large suite, on Saturday visited the King of Bulgaria at Poeshten, in Hungary, where the King is under medical treatment.

The Kaiser went to the King's residence, and was heartily received by his Majesty and his brother, Prince Philipp of Saxe-Coburg Gotha. A private conversation, lasting several hours, took place between both rulers. After supper the Kaiser returned to headquarters late in the evening.—Reuter.



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## LOST GROUND RECAPTURED AND 100 PRISONERS TAKEN.

GERMAN OFFICIAL. (Admiralty per Wireless Press.)

Western Front.—Army Group of Crown Prince Rupprecht.—From the north bank of the Ancre, as far as the Somme, strong artillery fire has been taking place, whilst in some isolated sectors there were also infantry engagements.

In a counter-attack against the English the greater part of the trenches east of Beaumont were recaptured, and as a result about 100 prisoners remained in our hands.

During the afternoon a strong English attack failed north of Beaumont.

At night repeated assaults by strong forces were launched against our positions, from east of Grandcourt to south of Puy.

Fighting is taking place on the road from Beaulencourt to Gueudecourt.

South of the Somme, our raiding troops returned with over twenty French and English prisoners from the enemy lines.

## GERMAN ATTACKS FAIL NEAR RIGA.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

Western Front.—In the region of Riga, northeast of the village of Kalazent, enemy columns which took the offensive were driven back to the trenches from which they started.

In the region of Linden, north-west of Friedland, a concentration of Germans was noticed, but was afterwards launched an offensive, which was dispersed by our fire.

A German dirigible which was bombarded by our fire landed rapidly within the enemy's lines north-west of Postava.

## FRENCH TAKE PRISONERS IN NIGHT RAIDS.

South of the Somme an enemy coup de main, directed towards the end of the day yesterday, against our trenches in the region of Barleux was repulsed.

The enemy sustained appreciable losses and left some prisoners in our hands.

During the night we succeeded in making, without loss, several raids into the enemy's lines, notably in the sector of Chambrettes, north of Pont-a-Mousson, and in Alsace.

Our reconnaissances brought back material and some prisoners, including an officer.

The night was calm everywhere else.

Aviation.—On the night of February 23 and last night our air squadrons bombarded the aerodrome of Colmar (Alsace), the military factories of Rombach and the railway stations of Chaunay, Ham and Appilly.

A fire was seen to break out among the buildings of the last-mentioned station.—Reuter.

## GERMANY HEDGING ON U BOATS.

### Frantic Efforts to Prevent Acts of War with America.

## "MISINTERPRETED" NOTE.

(Admiralty per Wireless Press.)

News from Berlin sent through wireless stations of the German Government:—

Reuter reports have arrived in Berlin, according to which diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States have been broken off. No official information has been received.

In case the news is correct the general feeling in Germany is one of regret that the United States President gave to the German Note an interpretation which was not intended by Germany.

The German measures are not intended to damage neutrals, but have been caused by the necessity to defend Germany against hostile measures which are contrary to international law, Germany's enemies, therefore, being charged with the whole responsibility.

Negotiations are now in course of procedure between the parties interested regarding how far further concessions on the part of Germany are possible, in consideration of certain pressing economic requirements of some neutral States, without prejudicing the purposes aimed at by unlimited U boat warfare.

## BERLIN "MOVED."

THE HAGUE, Monday.—News of the American break with Germany became known in Berlin by the editions of the newspapers published at noon yesterday.

Owing to the intense cold few people were about, and little interest was taken in the message, many people expressing doubt as to its accuracy.

Official circles were extremely moved by the news of the American break, and are straining every nerve to prevent acts of war being committed.

The submarine captains are now at sea, and it is impossible to reach them with new instructions.—Exchange.

## FIRST STEP TO WAR.

AMSTERDAM, Monday.—The first German newspaper comment on the decision of the United States which has reached Holland is that of the *Koelnische Zeitung*, which arrived this morning.

"Mr. Wilson's action is regrettable (says the paper) but let him not imagine that this action will make us hesitate. We are firm in our decision to apply to the full the means which will bring us victory and peace the next morning."

"Although President Wilson's declaration does not mean war it is a threat of war, and the first step towards it. In neither event shall we be deceived. Our people now breathe more freely once more."

"Let America never forget that this step will give us greater freedom of action moreover, and will considerably facilitate our submarine war, since it means that we can now abandon those precautions which up to the present we have had to observe."—Central News.

## REVENTLOW'S TALL TALK.

AMSTERDAM, Monday.—Count Reventlow in the *Deutsche Tageszeitung* emphasises in the most positive terms the irrevocable character of Germany's decision.

There can be no question of yielding, he says, and announces in spaced type that the decision was come to on a basis of consideration of even the most unfavourable eventualities.

Writing as he does before the news that Count Bernstorff had been handed his passport became known, he inclines to the view that America will take no definite decision, but will seize the opportunity offered by Germany's submarine policy to use every means towards inducing the belligerents to conclude peace.

A leading article in the *Frankfurter Zeitung* on Saturday evening, discussing the attitude of neutrals towards the new German policy, says that it must not be forgotten that the attitude of all neutrals in Europe will finally be influenced by what the United States will do.

The paper then expresses the hope that President Wilson will not cast to the winds everything he has done for peace.—Reuter.

## CLIMBING DOWN.

THE HAGUE, Monday.—The German Government notified Mr. Gerard yesterday that it had decided to release the American sailors captured by the Atlantic raider and brought to Swinemunde on board the *Yarrowdale*.

The men since their arrival in Germany have been in a business camp.—Exchange.



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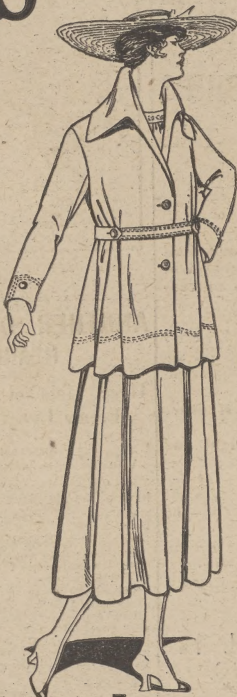
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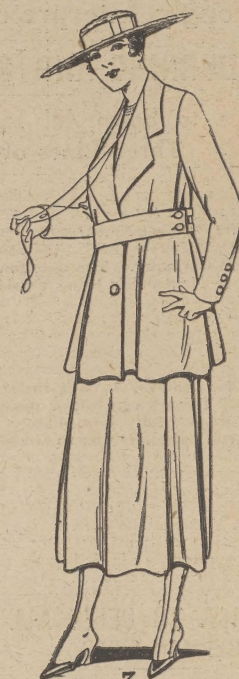
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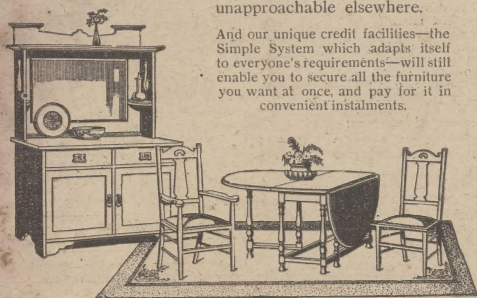


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# Daily Mirror

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## GERMANY AND AMERICA.

AS we write, the submarine situation, as it defines itself between Germany and the United States, is no nearer a solution, one way or the other, than it was before the latest Hun pronouncement on the right to run amok at sea.

Germany appears to be recoiling from the consequences of her shout.

But a careful study of the German Press for the last few days shows us that the two parties within Germany are still not reconciled to any practical purpose.

What it amounts to is this: The end-the-war-at-all-costs party (Reventlow, Tirpitz and the rest) succeed, under the economic pressure from which Germany is suffering, in extorting from Bethmann the right to go ahead and to run amok—in return, probably, for concessions to Bethmann of which he and his party have the secret. Bethmann says: "Go ahead." The warning to America follows.

But, then, it may very likely have been added by Bethmann: "Go ahead, if you can keep America out. Back out, if America comes in."

To which (as the German newspapers have shown) Reventlow and his party would reply: "Let America come in! Her aid would be little use before six months, at least as regards real striking force. In that time, we guarantee to have reduced England to the peace mood by our blockade."

Thus the conflict between the two parties continues: defining itself anew as between those who hold, in sum, that America doesn't matter, and those, like Neumann, who believe that she does and dissuade from carrying matters to an extreme with her.

It seems that once again Bethmann may win here.

But for how long?

Inevitably, as we've often ventured to point out, extremists prevail in a time of crisis. Inevitably, if Bethmann backs out now, Reventlow and his fierce crew will pound away with "America doesn't matter." "Concede in words" they will say—and sink their ships. Sink them and then apologise. It is life or death for us.

That may be. For us, too, it is life or death, and even with America, we must remember, we have ourselves mainly to depend upon for many months. That prospect ought to exhilarate us, and to make us strain every nerve, to spend every shilling, and to save every fragment of food, in this last lap of the long run towards the goal we must not fail to reach.

W. M.

## REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEAD.

It is not death, that sometime in a sigh  
This eloquent breath shall take its speechless flight.  
That sometime these bright stars, that now reply  
In sunlight to the sun, shall set in night.  
That this warm conscious flesh shall perish quite,  
And all life's ruddy springs forget to flow;  
That thoughts shall cease and the immortal Spirit  
Be lapped in alien clay and laid below;  
It is not death to know this—but to know  
That pious thoughts, which visit at new graves.  
In tender pilgrimage will cease to go  
So daily and so oft, and when grass waves  
Over the past-away, there may be then  
No resurrection in the minds of men.

—THOMAS HOOD (1845).

## IN MY GARDEN.

FEB. 5.—Owing to the continued frost little work can be done outside. Deciduous hedges, however, may be trimmed and trees pruned and regulated. Climbing roses can be thinned and tied up.

The owner of a greenhouse or warm frame should now sow a box of some reliable early lettuce. A few roots of mint may be lifted, or, if placed in a congenial temperature, new shoots will soon appear.

Radishes, also mustard and cress, may be raised now in a warm frame.

E. F. T.

## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Let us try to forget our cares and our malices, and contribute, as we can, to the cheerfulness of each other.—Dr. Johnson.

## A HUMBLE SUBALTERN'S MONEY TROUBLES.

### THE DANGER OF AN EASY WAY OUT OF THEM.

#### By a SECOND LIEUTENANT.

THIS happened all in one day to me, an innocent subaltern, of a not undistinguished county regiment.

I was standing in the bar of a certain hotel when he approached me, a benevolent, white-moustached old gentleman, who remarked, with peculiar interest, how cold it was for this time of the year.

We got talking. We talked of cabbages and kings, of the war and of the Boche. He was well-fed, well-informed, and I liked him. I liked him so much that I would have asked him to lunch with me if he had not anticipated my invitation. So I lunched with him, and we did very well between us. He was very much interested in me. He

"it is to be a real loan. I am going to charge you 6 per cent. Six per cent. is all I want. But I am working up a small connection, for you can well imagine that at this rate of interest one wants to do a fairly large volume of business among one's friends."

"And if you and I struck a bargain together, and we might do, I should like you to mention it to some of your pals. I know boys, and I know the temptations that the reaction of being on leave from the front will always bring in its train. The Government is like an unwise parent. It pinches you too much. That's where I come in with my little accommodation at 6 per cent."

I took his name and address, which I would give now if not for the inflexible laws of hospitality. For he did pay for my lunch. But I said nothing very definite, and we parted shortly afterwards on the best of terms.

My old and respectable friend can probably be seen any day if you look for him in those bars where subalterns on leave in London are

## KNOWING ONE'S FIANCEE'S PEOPLE.—No. 3.

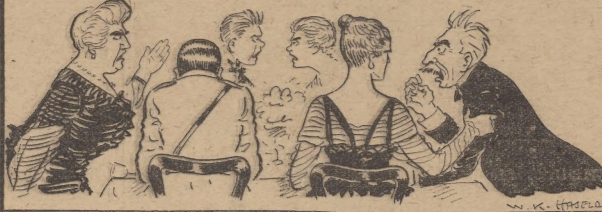
GEORGE DOVESON, WHOSE ASPIRATIONS MIGHT BE DERIVED IN ONE SENTENCE—"ANYTHING FOR A QUIET LIFE"—BECOMES ENGAGED TO ATHENE BICKING, WHOSE CALM CAST OF COUNTENANCE PROMISES THAT LIFE WITH HER WILL ASSURE HIM THE PEACE HIS SOUL DESIRES.



HER PEOPLE TOO, ON HIS FIRST INTRODUCTION, SEEM AMIABLE TO A DEGREE.



BUT, OH! THE DIFFERENCE WHEN HIS PRESENCE NO LONGER EXERCISES THE RESTRAINING INFLUENCE OF A STRANGER!



They seem quiet and calm before marriage. Afterwards, they don't always seem so.—(By W. K. Haselden.)

wanted to know all about trenches and Frenchmen, and Germans and high explosives. But, as time progressed, he veered round to another subject. What did I think of the subaltern's pay? he asked. What was I getting besides my 7s. 6d. per day? Did I get all my allowances, or was a lot of official trouble made between them and me? In short, was the Government playing the game with me?

You must not think that the old gentleman was at all personal. He was no more personal than one's father might be, asking a similar question. He was very fatherly, very sympathetic, very respectable and prosperous. I liked him, and I told him things.

#### "WAS I EMBARRASSED?"

The old gentleman knew the world. He told me so. And he told me that he might speak to me on a business matter, he thought, as one man of affairs to another.

Did I not find that my new status as an officer, and the increased price of living were working somewhat in conspiracy against my economic status?

In short, was I at all embarrassed for a matter of £100 or so? "You know," he said, "I don't take strange fancies to individuals as a rule. But I rather like you. I was young myself once, and I know what it is to be pressed for a little ready cash. Now, I want to put a business proposition to you as man to man. How would you like a loan of £100 or so?" "Don't make any mistake," he added,

apt to resort. I do not think he would resent it if I summed him up as a moneylender's tout. A good tout, who knows his business!

But nevertheless a nuisance and a danger

## THROUGH "THE MIRROR"

### A WAR LOAN FLAG DAY.

AS all flag days have turned out a great success why not have a National War Loan Flag Day? I feel sure everyone in the country would gladly volunteer and give, no matter how small, to the above.

ONE SHILLING.

### YOUTH v. AGE.

THE young people in their eagerness to get married contemptuously refuse to listen to the advice of their parents.

Yet when Reggie and Joy themselves grow old and their children wish to marry, they will be pained and grieved at finding their well-meant advice entirely ignored.

ADVICE.

### HOME-GROWN FOOD.

MR. T. THORNE BAKER records that a 45 per cent. increase of crops can be obtained by using electricity.

It is this means that the soil has been enriched thereby—and not merely that the plants are enabled to draw more nourishment out of the soil and leave it impoverished for a year or two—it is welcome information.

Only by greatly increasing our home-grown food supply may the high cost of living be appreciably reduced after the war.

M. L.

## Jump from Bed in Morning and Drink Hot Water

Tells why everyone should drink hot water each morning before breakfast.

Why is man and woman, half the time, feeling nervous, despondent, worried; some days head-achy, dull and unstrung; some days really incapacitated by illness?

If we all would practise inside bathing, what a gratifying change would take place. Instead of thousands of ill-sick, anemic-looking souls with pasty, muddy complexions we should see crowds of happy, healthy, rosy-cheeked people everywhere. The reason is that the human system does not rid itself each day of all the waste which it accumulates under our present mode of living. For every ounce of food and drink taken into the system nearly an ounce of waste material must be carried out, also it ferments and forms ptomaine-like poisons which are absorbed into the blood.

Just as necessary as it is to clean the ashes from a furnace each day, before the fire will burn bright and hot, so we must each morning clear the inside organs of the previous day's accumulation of indigestible waste and body toxins. Men and women, whether ailing or well, are advised to drink each morning, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, as a harmless means of washing out of the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels the indigestible material, waste, sour bile and coffee; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach. Millions of people who have their turn at constipation, bilious attacks, acid stomach, nervous days and sleepless nights have become real cranks about the morning inside bath. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will not cost much at the chemist's, but is sufficient to demonstrate to anyone its cleansing, sweetening and refreshing effect upon the system.

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Sargol contains a scientifically combined ingredients that will enable you to get every atom of strength and nerve power from the food you eat. It is absolutely harmless, and never fails to benefit, and is not at all unusual to have the strength and nerve force trebled by its use.

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## ALL THE COLLEENS WANTED SOUVENIRS



Collecting regimental badges from the officers of the Canadian Irish at Limerick.—(Official photograph.)

## "THE JULES VERNE



Natives "boating" in the swamp of Lake Bangweulu.

## THEY ARE SORRY TO LEAVE THE NAVY.



Three nurses who are bound south after twelve months with the Grand Fleet. They are seen waving farewell to the crew as they are slung over the side of the ship in the cot.

## PEER FATALLY BURNT.



The aged Earl of Harrington, who died yesterday as the result of blood-poisoning following upon burns.



A native bringing in a fine buck.

## HELPING THE HORSES THROUGH SNOW.



This van, heavily loaded with meat, left Smithfield Market at 3 a.m. yesterday en route for Croydon. At 10.15 it had only got as far as St. George's-circus, owing to the slippery state of the roads.

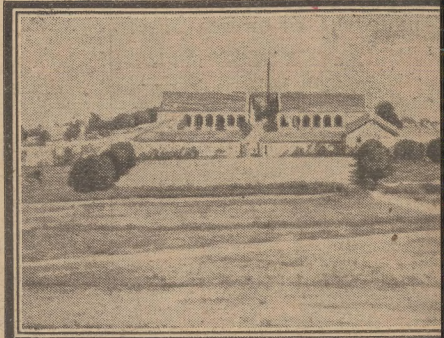
## TWO WAR HEROES.



Air-Mechanic H. T. Taylor, of the Royal Flying Corps, who has been decorated.



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German fort at Bismarckburg, now under the British.

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of the country across which the expedition had to travel.



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A white negro who was with the expedition.



Dressed for hot weather. The midday meal in the bush.

of "the Jules Verne expedition," the naval men who, with Belgians on Lake Tanganyika, Africa, have returned to England, heart of the Congo jungle, the boats being hauled by means of But the expedition had "good hunting" in two respects. Almost sank the Von Wiseman, thus practically ending the Huns' career a large amount of big game.

LIVING AT THE "BACK DOOR" OF THE WAR.



Railway in the streets. It would take more than this to surprise the Salonikans these days.—(Official photograph.)

WEDDING OF THE ARTS.



Miss Grace Crawford, the dancer. She has designed her bridal dress.



Lieutenant Fraser. Baroness d'Erlanger. Miss Grace Crawford is to be married in London to-day from the house of Baroness d'Erlanger. Lieutenant C. Lovat Fraser, the artist, is the bridegroom.—(Vandyk and Collier.)

SNOW SCENES ON THE FRENCH FRONT.



Conveying timber through the snows in Alsace.



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# THE PHANTOM LOVER.



By RUBY M. AYRES.

## HOW THE STORY BEGINS.

**MICKY MELLOWES**, a rich bachelor, who has had all the good things of life, is able to help **ESTHER SHEPSTONE**, a beautiful girl, who is earning her own living. Esther has given up her employment because she is going to be married to **RAYMOND ASHTON**, a good-for-nothing fellow who is going to throw the girl over.

**JUNE MASON**, who is Micky's friend, becomes Esther's friend.

**MARIE DELAND**, of whom Micky was fond before he knew Esther, meets him on his return from Paris.

**MRS. ASHTON**, Raymond's mother, asks Micky whether he knows anything about the girl at Eldred's to whom her son had been engaged. Micky denies all knowledge of her.

## MICKY'S DILEMMA.

WHEN Micky left Mrs. Ashton he raced off to meet Marie—he was ten minutes late, but she was there still, waiting for him.

She was looking quite her prettiest, in dark furs with a bunch of violets in the breast of her coat, but Micky would not have noticed if she had been shabby, his thoughts were elsewhere; he did not even see that she wore the bracelet he had given her for a Christmas present, or remember that he had once told her violets were his favourite flower.

He apologised breathlessly for being late.

"I had an appointment," he explained. "Raymond's mother; she wrote and asked me to call this afternoon." He hesitated, then added: "Did you know that Raymond is going to be married? Oh, but, of course, you cannot know, as he only told Mrs. Ashton this morning."

Marie's dark eyes opened; like most women, she loved to hear of an engagement or marriage. "Really?" she said. "At last!—not to—surely not to that little girl at Eldred's?"

Micky flushed angrily; did everyone know about Esther, he asked himself savagely; he answered shortly that it was to Mrs. Clare, Tubby Clare's little widow.

Marie looked amazed. "But we all thought," she said, then stopped, remembering, that Micky and Raymond had

(Translation, dramatic and all other rights secured.)

been great friends, and putting Micky's angry eyes down to annoyance. "I hope he'll be happy," she said lamely.

"I don't," he said. "He doesn't deserve to be." He softened a little, meeting the surprise in her eyes. "He's been such an abominable flirt," he added.

She made no comment; she was thinking how often lately she had had to listen to similar remarks about him, and sit by and pretend that she did not care, while all the time her heart was almost breaking.

She put the thought resolutely from her; she was with him again, and for the moment that was all that mattered. Until Micky left her she had never known how much she really cared for him; she had always looked forward to being his wife, to having a great deal of money to spend, but it was only when Micky began to stay away that she knew it was the man himself she cared for.

There was an excited flush in her cheeks, and a nervous note in her voice when she spoke to him; it was like old times to be here with him again until she met his eyes across the little table, and then it seemed as if she were looking into the face of a stranger, a man who was like Micky—enough like him to hurt, and yet not Micky at all.

She stifled a sigh and roused herself to amuse him; Micky had always told her she cheered him up in the old days, but this afternoon, try as she might, she could not rouse him; he answered her in monosyllables, and she saw with bitter mortification how often he looked at the clock. At last she was driven to remark on it.

"Micky, are you in a hurry to get away?" She asked the question lightly, but there was a strain in her voice.

Micky did not look at her.

"No—no, not at all," he said hurriedly. "But I suppose we ought to be moving soon."

There was a little pause. "It's been nice, seeing you again," he added with an effort.

She sat staring down at her plate; her pretty colour had faded, she was very pale and she bit her lip hard to hide it trembling.

Suddenly she looked up at him.

"Micky—may I ask you a question . . . ?"

He answered lightly.

"A hundred if you like."

She picked up a teacup and twisted it nervously; Micky watched her with apprehension; he knew what was coming now, and his heart sank like lead.

If only she would be content to leave things as they were; if only she would accept the friendship he was willing to give and close the book of the past for ever.

He did not understand that it was because she cared for him so much that this was im-

possible, that at the risk of losing her self-respect and wounding her pride, she must ask him for the truth, must know . . .

He heard her catch her breath hard, then suddenly she spoke: "Micky . . . why was it?"

There was a quiver in her voice that set him on edge; he could not stand the sound of unhappiness in any woman's voice, and he had once thought he loved Marie . . .

"I mean to have written to you—I hope some day you will try and forgive me, but . . . but . . . He could not go on for the life of him, but he had said enough, and he knew that she understood.

"You mean . . . you mean that there is someone else?" she asked, with a stiff lip.

"Yes," He looked at her now, at her white, stricken face, and felt himself a brute.

It seemed an eternity before she spoke, before she could steady her voice enough to speak at all.

"Is it—it is someone I know?" she asked. "No, dear," said Micky, very gently. "It isn't anyone you have met suddenly and held it so that her face was hidden; the little word of endearment that had escaped Micky's lips unconsciously had almost broke her down. This was the end of all she had ever hoped for, she knew, and for the moment she could not choke down the anguish in her heart.

The following silence seemed unending; then she looked round for her gloves, and put them on, buttoning them with shaking fingers.

"I am ready if you choose to say," she did not look at him, but it felt like dying to walk beside him out of the shop and into the cold night air and know that perhaps this was the last time they would ever be alone, he and she.

Once her arm brushed his, and once her steps faltered a little, and Micky put out his hand to steady her, but she drew away from him.

"Please don't," she said, in a whisper. There was a faint waiting at the roadside, and Micky called to the man. There was a slight cold drizzle of rain falling as he held open the door for Marie. He would have followed, but she stopped him. "I should like to go alone if you don't mind."

He looked up then, and for a moment he saw her face in the light of the taxi lamp; such a white, quivering face it was.

"Marie! . . ." said Micky, in a choked voice, but he was too late, and he drew back, ashamed to his very soul.

He stood there on the kerb till the taxi had whirled away out of sight, and once again he asked himself desperately if it were all worth while, if it were not throwing away the real thing for a chimera; which if he ever won would not satisfy him.

Esther cared nothing for him—she had said that she never would care for him, but Marie.

... Micky set his teeth hard; he could not understand how Raymond could go on his way through the world breaking hearts and caring nothing. What was the man made of? he asked himself, even while he wished he, too, could be callous enough to be able to forget the heart-break in the eyes of the woman whom he had once meant to marry.

## A LETTER FOR ESTHER.

THE week Esther spent indoors with a cold was the longest she could ever remember. June was kinder to herself, and fussed and petted and made much of her, but the days dragged all the same.

There was only one thing to live for—the post! And though the rat-tat rang through the house three or four times a day, there was never anything for Esther.

The telegram for which she longed with all her heart and soul never came.

June watched her with a mixture of sympathy and impatience.

What was the good of putting all one's eggs in the same basket? she asked herself crossly. What was the good of falling in love if nothing better than unappiness was the end of it? She was glad that, so far, she had escaped; she began to hate the Phantom Lover, as she called him, with increased hatred.

She knew quite well that it was not only her cold that had made Esther postpone going to Mrs. Ashton's. She was sure that there was another reason as well, but Esther did not make a confidant of her, and she was too proud to ask.

"I don't think you're strong enough to go yet, you know," she said to Esther one afternoon when they were sitting together in the firelight. "Write and say you can't come for another week, or that you can't go at all. I do wish you would."

Esther shook her head.

"I promised to go, and I must do something. I shall be all right by Monday—Mrs. Ashton has waited long enough for me, as you say."

She leaned back in her chair rather wearily. She looked pale and ill June thought, angrily, and put it all down to "that man."

Has Mr. Mellowes come back from Paris yet? Esther asked suddenly. June was faintly amazed; Esther never spoke of Micky at all if it could be avoided; she answered rather dubiously that she did not know—that Micky had not written to her or rung her up.

"I expect he's having such a good time that he'll stay for weeks," she added, with a touch of exasperation in her voice. "I wish he would come back, I want him to get on with my business."

"Mr. Mellowes . . ." announced Lydia at the door.

June scrambled to her feet with a scream of delight.

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# "OUT WITH YOUR READY CASH, OR EVEN UNREADY CASH—It is indispensable to carry on the War."

The Right Hon. David Lloyd George, M.P., at Carnarvon on Saturday.

## HELP THE WAR LOAN & at the same time PROVIDE for Self, Wife, Family, Children's Education or Business Career, Daughter's Marriage Settlement, Employees' Retirement, Partnership Dissolution, Relatives, and other contingencies.

THE Eagle Insurance Company, and the British Dominions General Insurance Company, Ltd., are prepared to give special facilities to all those desirous of participating in the new 5 per cent. War Loan who may not have funds at present available for that purpose. Either the Company will advance the money up to the full amount required to purchase the Stock, and at the same time will issue a Policy which will automatically pay off the advance either £100, £250, or £500 years at the Subscriber's option; or, in the event of previous Death, the total amount of the Stock immediately becomes, without further payment, the absolute property of the Subscriber's executors, administrators or assigns. The Companies will charge the same rate of interest on the money advanced to purchase the Stock as the Stock itself bears.

In the event of the Government redeeming the War Loan before the maturity of the Policy, the amount of Cash or Stock received from the Government will be handed over at the maturity of the Policy.

Should the Subscriber discontinue the payments at any time, the Company will grant a paid-up policy for such a proportionate amount as the number of annual payments made bear to the total number payable under the policy.

The above offer has great advantages since it enables anyone to secure War Loan Stock, spreading the payment over five, ten or fifteen years, and it provides also that in the event of the Death of the Subscriber, there is no further liability whatever, and the whole of the Stock purchased becomes the absolute property of the Subscriber's representatives. These facilities should specially appeal to all who, in addition to wishing to support the Loan for the Country, desire

- (1.) To make provision for their Families.
- (2.) To provide for the Educational Expenses of their Children.
- (3.) To provide a sum of money as a Marriage Gift for young daughters.
- (4.) To provide their Children with a sum of money at the age when they are likely to start their career.
- (5.) To provide themselves with an income upon retirement.

It should also appeal to all firms who desire to induce their employees to become provident, as by means of this scheme they can secure a provision for retirement at any given age.

The Scheme will necessarily be confined to approved lives, after examination by the Companies' medical men, who are already appointed in all parts of the United Kingdom. Hazardous occupations will be dealt with specially.

**Example:** If anyone aged 40 next birthday wishes to secure £100 of 5 p.c. War Stock they would have to pay £5 11s. 4d. each year for 15 years. Should Death occur, even after paying one instalment, the whole of the £100 of Stock would forthwith become the property of the Subscriber's representatives, and would be immediately handed to them. Otherwise, at the end of fifteen years the whole of the Stock becomes the property of the Subscriber, who will have paid in all £83 10s.

## MILITARY AND NAVAL RISKS.

Should the Subscriber leave the United Kingdom on Active Service, the Company will, in the event of death, provided the instalments have been duly paid, refund all payments made. On the death of the Subscriber, the policy will be reinstated in its original form, subject to satisfactory evidence of health.

## CHILDREN.

Children will be accepted under this Scheme from aged 10 upwards. Proposals will also be entertained at all times in respect of children under age 10, with the proviso that the death benefit does not commence until the age of 10 is attained, and in the event of death before that age, no payments made will be returned by the Company.

Arrangements can be made for the examination of children at their place of residence when desired.

The following is a special scheme to meet all those who are Unable or Unwilling to Pass the Usual Medical Examination for Life Insurance.

Also enables Sailors and Soldiers at home and abroad, and those engaged in any hazardous occupation to participate in the loan.

## ANNUAL PAYMENTS FOR ALL AGES up to 65 YEARS.

15 years term £5 9 6 for every £100 War Stock.

10 years term £8 7 6 for every £100 War Stock.

5 years term £18 9 5 for every £100 War Stock.

No Medical Examination is Required.

In the event of death before the term is completed, the total amount of payments made to the Company will be refunded, or the Subscriber's representatives, at their option, may continue the payments under the policy until its maturity, and secure the full amount of the War Stock thereby provided.

In the event of the Subscriber discontinuing payment of the instalments a paid-up policy will be granted for such a proportion of the original amount of Stock as the number of annual payments made bears to the total number payable under the policy. To meet the convenience of the subscribers the annual payments may be made in half-yearly or quarterly instalments, with a slight addition for loss of interest.

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# TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

## Have You a Golden Stocking?

Are you hoarding any gold? A War Savings Committee official ventured yesterday to me the opinion that there must be well over a million golden sovereigns uselessly buried away under bedroom floors or in old stockings or teapots. All this might be helping to bring the end of the war nearer and earn good interest at the same time.

## The Wise Miners.

Whatever the total of hidden gold in the country may amount to there is plenty of evidence that much is being hoarded by thoughtless people, and I am told that the War Loan Headquarters received news yesterday from a colliery district in Staffordshire that three miners had just paid £80, £10 and £5 respectively for Victory Loan stock in gold.

## "Der Tag"

Every day is a flag day for Germany now—Black Flag Day.

## The Late Paul Rubens.

I was grieved to hear of the death of that talented young composer, Mr. Paul Rubens. He was not only an excellent musician, but a witty companion and a charming man. I will remember the interest that his music to "Three Little Maids" evoked at the time. One critic described the piece as "the undergraduate at the piano"—a happy phrase. The music of Mr. Rubens always retained that touch of lightness and irresponsibility.

## Mr. de Lara's New Play.

Mr. Isidore de Lara informs me that the first performance of his new play, "La Trahison Suprême," will be given at a special



Miss Malise Sheridan, who is appearing in "Under Cover," at the Strand.

matinee at the Aldwych on February 16. The proceeds will be devoted to the fund for free concerts to wounded soldiers in hospital.

## A "Drafty" Spot.

"There's one thing about this place I don't like," wrote a conscript from his military camp the other day. "It's too liable to drafts."

## The Honour Ration.

"Mummy," said the small boy, "I want another slice of cake." "Impossible," she replied. "You know you are honour-bound not to eat another slice." "But, mummy," the little diplomat whispered, "it's just between us. Lord Devonport need never know."

## The Man Who Refused the Kaiser.

I notice that Mr. Frank Mauler, who was for over twenty years verger at St. Paul's Cathedral, has died. Mr. Mauler had one unusual experience, which he was fond of relating. He once "turned down" the Kaiser. The "All-Highest" was in London at the time, and happened to pay an informal visit to St. Paul's. The morning service being on, however, the Imperial visitor was informed that he would have to wait until the service was over if he wanted to inspect the building. He didn't wait.

## A Shortage of Girls.

Miss May Beeman, who has been organising flag days, tells me that there is a shortage of "flag-day" girls just now. "I did my best to induce all the girls to go in for munition making or some regular war work," she says. "Now there are not enough girls with sufficient leisure for the purpose."

## Early Victorian.

I hear that since the Queen bought one of Lady Kintock's painted fire screens for her Windsor rooms, the vogue for them has spread. The one the Queen bought was decorated with garlands of blue flowers on a cream-coloured background.

## A Happy Worker.

In wartime we all cheerfully turn our hands to any kind of work. Yesterday morning I saw a City man, wearing a silk hat, shovelling the snow from the front of his house and gaily whistling a popular music-hall song while he worked.

## The Movies In.

Cinemas are getting nearly as fashionable here as in Paris. I met Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll at one yesterday. However, it was a charity affair at the Coronet, varied by Mlle. Delysia and Mr. Hayden Coffin's singing.

## "All We've Got for You!"

The Princess, muffled to the eyes in seal-skins, stopped on the stairs to take a miniature bouquet from little Miss Eileen Terry, Miss Ellen Terry's grand-niece. "It's war time, your Royal Highness," said this little person, offering her modest pink flowers, "so this is all we've got for you."

## An "Arty Revue."

Chelsea and Mayfair are greatly excited over the revue of Chelsea studio life that Lady Lyttelton is getting up. To study matters at first hand Miss Asquith, Mrs. Christopher Lowther and others met in Mr. Horace Cole's studio in Chelsea. Mr. Cole, you may remember, impersonated a sheikh and inspected one of our battleships before the war.

## Hampstead-by-the-Sea.

It would scarcely be surprising if the inhabitants of Hampstead Garden Suburb imagined themselves—these wintry mornings—in some Cornish fishing village. The seagulls, not content with flying over the Heath, settle in the roadways, just as they do in Polperro!

## Current Topics.

National Rations and International Relations.

## The Non-Combatants

A few days ago I happened to be in a well-known garrison town and saw a company of sturdy-looking fellows, some of them physical giants, marching along the main street. It wasn't till they had almost passed that I noticed on their shoulder straps the letters "N.C.C." All of them were conscientious objectors.



The Viscountess Bury and two of her children.

## Snow Babies.

The snow ploughs in the park yesterday were watched by delighted children, who had come to feed the flocks of seagulls congregated round the Serpentine. Amongst those happily so engaged were Mrs. Loeffler's flaxen-haired children. They, with Lady Bury's little girl and Lady Churston's elder children, have been raising considerable sums of money by dancing and acting for charity among their little friends this winter.

## No Help Needed.

A man in the National Guard told me this story the other day. A number of "Tommies" home from France had gathered round a boy scout at Waterloo Station and were plugging him with questions. My friend and another N.G. made their way to the group and proffered their help. But they retired, feeling very small, as the boy scout chirped out, "It's all right, I'm attending to these gentlemen."

## Going Farther Still.

"The German Kaiser, the felon and bully of Europe, must go," says Dr. Morton Prince, of Boston, U.S.A. In this country there is a general feeling that he has already gone—too far.

THE RAMBLER.

**HAVE** you helped the 'big push' that is starting by putting all the money you possibly can behind it?

If not — buy War Loan to-day.

The more you lend—the sooner the War will end.

**ANY** Money Order Post Office will hand you a £1 War Savings Certificate for 15/6. Any Bank will buy War Loan for you from £5 upwards. Or go to your local War Savings Committee who will do everything for you.



Mr. Sydney Mosley, who is now back in the kitchen to Cairo. He is published this week.



Canon Rawnsley, who is resigning the vicarage of Crowthwaite. He is a well-known poet.

## Parliament Resumes.

WITH Parliament meeting to-morrow, the political clubs are once more full of M.P.s who have returned for the work of the new session. I looked in at a club in Pall Mall last night, and found a group of political friends discussing some of the issues which are to be raised during the session.

## Vital Questions.

Everybody anticipates a session full of interest. The debate on the Address will, it is hoped by the Government Whips, be finished this week, but many vital questions are to be raised, including food, man and woman power, funk-holes and the electoral reform report.

## The First Debate.

As a rule, the House of Commons rises before dinner on the opening night of the session. There is, I hear, some expectation that this will be the case to-morrow. First there will be the speech of the mover and seconder of the Address, then the speech of the Leader of the Opposition, and then that of the Prime Minister. After that all interest in the night's proceedings is over.

## To-morrow's Ceremony.

I told you yesterday that the Duchess of Sutherland will make her debut as Mistress of the Robes at the opening of Parliament to-morrow, and that Colonel Craig, M.P., will for the first time be in attendance as Treasurer of the Household. Another first appearance in the royal procession will be that of Sir Edwin Cornwall, M.P., who, as Comptroller, will replace Mr. Charles Roberts, M.P.

## M.P.'s New Post.

Sir Edwin, by the way, is also Chairman of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee. In this capacity he will probably have a good deal to do in answering questions in the Commons. I can only say that if he shapes as well in his replies to questions as he did as an interrogator, he will be a complete success on the Treasury Bench.

## A Man of Ideas.

I ran across Mr. W. A. Appleton yesterday. He is naturally pleased with his appointment as Labour Adviser to the National Service Department, but I found that he had some very definite ideas, which we may soon expect to see put into practice. He is a man of extraordinary organising energy and fertility of resource, and I fancy that Mr. Neville Chamberlain will find in him a great asset.

## What the American Navy Wants.

An American said to me yesterday: "Our navy is yearning for a go at the Germans. It has never forgotten Admiral Dietrich's effort to balk Admiral Devere at Manila, and the British admiral's quiet assistance to Dewey. Whenever American bluejackets have had shore leave on the China station at the same time as the Germans there always has been a mix-up. Who won? Give you one guess."

## Our Food Controller.

I was told last night by a friend who had just left Lord Devonport that the Food Controller has deeply impressed everybody by the courtesy with which he meets his countless callers and the quiet, business-like manner in which he grapples with the stupendous problems with which the Government has entrusted him.

## What Puzzled M.P.s.

Lord Devonport is one of the finest business men in the Empire, and I have often heard M.P.s express their amazement that he was not brought into the Cabinet when

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's Government was formed at the end of 1905. There were many men who marked him down for the post of President of the Board of Trade. What he was actually asked to fill, however, was the much more modest office of Parliamentary Secretary to the Board.



Lord Devonport.



## WHAT FILMS ARE BARRED.



Look Out for Mr. Bottomley's Article in the "Sunday Pictorial"

# Daily Mirror

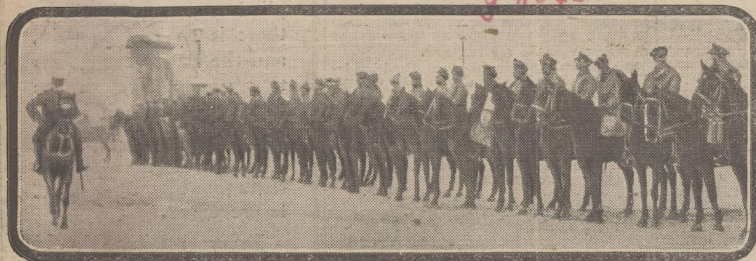
AN IMPERIAL PROCESSION.



Overseas officers who will form the King's escort crossing the Horse Guards' Parade in the snow.



Anzac officers who will ride in the procession. It will be representative of the Empire.



Overseas officers parade outside Buckingham Palace. A number of Indians are among them.

To-morrow the King will open Parliament. It will be a semi-State ceremony, and their Majesties will occupy the State carriage instead of the full-State coach.

AN INVOLUNTARY ACROBAT.



An Anzac who went sleighing on Hampstead Heath yesterday turning a somersault, though not deliberately. He is enjoying what to him is a novel sport.

POSTHUMOUS V.C.



Lieutenant-Commander Charles Henry Lowley, R.N.V.R., one of the two officers who were killed in endeavouring to reach Kut on a ship laden with food. The V.C. has been posthumously bestowed upon him.



Colonel C. B. L. Clery, C.B., who is shortly returning to the front. He has been thrice wounded and four times mentioned in dispatches.—(Bassano.)

"IRON DUCHESSES" AND LITTLE "IRON DUKES" AT TEA.



This is how an officer described the guests at a big party given by Sir John and Lady Jellicoe at the Portland Hall, Southsea, to the wives and families of the men on board the Admiral's late flagship. Lady Jellicoe personally waited at tea, but Sir John's duties prevented him from being present. He sent them all a message, saying the men of the great battleship were always in his thoughts.—(Exclusive to *The Daily Mirror*.)